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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL COOPERATION WITH L'AGENCE POUR
LES ECONOMIE D'ENERGIE (AEE); VISIT OF D. HARVEY

1. ON MARCH 16 D. HARVEY, DIRECTOR OF DOE'S INDUSTRIAL
ENERGY CONSERVATION DIVISION, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE FRENCH CONSERVATION AGENCY (INCLUDING AGENCY'S
DIRECTOR, J. SYROTA, SPECIAL ASST. J. LAMBOTTE, AND
INDUSTRIAL DIVISION DIRECTOR J. ZYSS) TO DISCUSS
POTENTIAL COOPERATION IN INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVA-
TION R&D. A SEPARATE MEETING WAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR
HIM TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WITH H. MICHEL, HEAD OF
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ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE'S (EDF) ELECTRICAL APPLICATIONS
DEPARTMENT AT RENADIERES. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE A
FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS
(E.G., SEE REFS A AND B). THEY CONFIRMED THAT A
NUMBER OF SIMILAR EFFORTS ARE IN PROGRESS IN US AND
FRANCE, AND THAT MORE DETAILED EXCHANGES OF INFORMA-
TION AND PERHAPS COOPERATION IN R&D AND DEMONSTRATIONS

DEALING WITH INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION, MAY BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. TENTATIVELY, IT WAS DECIDED TO PLAN A MAJOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE MEETING IN THIS

FIELD IN PARIS ABOUT MID-SEPT 1978. NO AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS REACHED ON THE DETAILS OF THIS MEETING AND THESE REMAIN TO BE DEFINED AS EARLY AS PRACTICAL.

2. IT APPEARED THAT MOST USEFUL WOULD BE A 3-DAY MEETING AT WHICH ABOUT HALF A DAY WOULD BE DEVOTED TO POLICY PRESENTATIONS AND THE REMAINDER TO DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. FOR THE LATTER, TWO FORMATS WERE DISCUSSED: (A) TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS (IN SERIES OR IN PARALLEL) ON SELECTED TOPICS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW MOST EFFICIENT TECHNICAL INTERACTIONS AND EXCHANGES, AND (B) A SYMPOSIUM WITH PREPARED OVERVIEW PAPERS FOLLOWED BY BRIEF DISCUSSIONS. ZYSS SEEMED INTERESTED IN INVITING A HIGH LEVEL AND LARGE INDUSTRIAL AUDIENCE, TO WHICH THE LATTER FORMAT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE: (A) HIGH TEMPERATURE HEAT RECOVERY AND HEAT

EXCHANGERS; (B) LOW TEMPERATURE HEAT UTILIZATION AND HEAT EXCHANGERS; (C) HEAT PUMPS; (D) CO-GENERATION AND BOTTOMING CYCLES; (E) SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY; AND (F) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. BOTH ZYSS AND HARVEY ARE TO GIVE MORE CONSIDERATION TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ABOVE MEETING PRIOR TO FREEZING ITS DETAILS AND WILL COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH EACH OTHER (WITH COPIES OF THESE EXCHANGED TO PARIS SCIREP AND MME MORIN, FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON). ZYSS WILL CONTACT FRENCH CONTRACTORS TO DETERMINE TO WHAT DEPTH THEY ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR PROGRAMS. HARVEY WILL FURTHER EVALUATE US PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND POTENTIAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING BUDGETARY ASPECTS.

5. MICHEL CONFIRMED THAT EDF HAS A MAJOR PROGRAM TO DEVELOP HEAT PUMP APPLICATIONS. (HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO HIM, STATEMENTS MADE TO SCIREP AT RENADIERES ON USEEC

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FEBRUARY 28 AND REPORTED IN REF (D) THAT HEAT PUMPS IN BUILDINGS CAN SAVE 40-50 PERCENT OF ENERGY ARE PREMATURE, AND MORE DEFINITIVE EDF RESULTS ON THIS WILL TAKE A YEAR OR TWO TO DEVELOP). IT APPEARS DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE EDF EFFORT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING WITH AEE OR BE CARRIED OUT SEPARATELY. (FOR INSTANCE, THERE MAY BE THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL SYMPOSIUM WITH AEE AND A WORKSHOP ON HEAT PUMPS WITH EDF, BUT ALSO INCLUDING SOME AEE PARTICIPATION). MICHEL GAVE HARVEY THREE DOCUMENTS INCLUDING A REPORT OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S 1977 ACTIVITIES (IN FRENCH) AND TWO PRESENTATIONS, "THE NEW TREND IN ELECTRO-HEAT" BY P. MICHEL ET AL, AND "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY USE MANAGEMENT, A PARAMETER STUDY ON THERMAL PROPERTIES OF BUILDINGS", BY H. MICHEL AND SIMON. (SCIREP TRANSMITTED COPIES OF THE LATTER TWO TO H. JAFFE, IA).

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6. SYROTA CONSIDERS THAT COOPERATION IN INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION SHOULD BE EXPLORED FURTHER BEFORE

ATTEMPTING TO COOPERATE IN OTHER ENERGY CONSERVATION AREAS (RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORTATION AND GENERATION). HE DID AGREE HOWEVER TO HELP SET UP MEETINGS WITH HIS STAFF TO DISCUSS WORK IN THESE OTHER AREAS, SHOULD COGNIZANT US STAFF TRAVEL THROUGH PARIS. SINCE THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IN THE RESIDENTIAL HEATING SECTOR (THEY ESTIMATE TO HAVE ACHIEVED SAVINGS OF TEN MILLION TON EQUIVALENT PETROLEUM PER YEAR, OR 50 PERCENT OF THEIR 1985 TARGET), SUCH MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE DOE STAFF WOULD APPEAR POTENTIALLY USEFUL TO THE US AND SHOULD BE SET UP AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

7. BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH FRANCE IN ENERGY CONSERVATION IS LIKELY TO BE OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO THE US, AND THEREFORE, DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH COOPERATION APPEARS JUSTIFIED IN LINE WITH PARA 4 OF REFTEL C.

8. IN THE EVENING HARVEY GAVE A BACKGROUND INFORMATION BRIEFING ON ENERGY CONSERVATION R&D IN THE US, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE AMEMBASSY FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PRESS CORPS IN PARIS. IT WAS WELL RECEIVED.

9. SCIREP WILL CONTACT ZYSS IN ABOUT ONE MONTH TO DISCUSS THE EVOLUTION OF HIS THINKING ON THE PROPOSED SEPT. MEETING AND WILL TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION TO JAFFE/IA. MEANWHILE DOE SHOULD ESTABLISH ITS PREFERENCE AND PREPARE FOR DECISIONS IN MAY ON: (A) DEFINITIVE TIMING; (B) INTENDED COVERAGE; (C) FORMAT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER ONE OR MORE MEETINGS SHOULD BE INVOLVED; AND (D) DEFINITIVE US PARTICIPANTS. EXTENSIVE PREPARATION WILL BE REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES AND IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT IN FRANCE WORK SLOWS DOWN CONSIDERABLY IN JULY AND AUGUST.

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